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In re the Application of: INOUE, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1763

Serial No.: 08/921,250

Examiner: GOUDREAU

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For. FABRICATION METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND ABRASIVE LIQUID USED THEREIN

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 18, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003, Applicants request favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application. Claims 3-9, 11-14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22-27 and 31 are pending.

As a preliminary matter, the Office Action indicates that claims 3-7, 9-14, 16-20, 22-27 and 31 are pending and allowed. However, claims 5, 8 and 19 were amended and claim 10 and 18 were canceled in the response filed September 5, 2002. As such, claims 3-9, 11-14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22-27 and 31 are pending.

The present Office Action only requires correction of the Form PTO-1449's. More specifically, the Examiner indicates that copies of the Wolf et al. and Sze references were not received. Furthermore, the Examiner indicates that the Japanese application Numbers should have been listed by their Japanese patent publication numbers in the foreign patent section of the Form PTO-1449. In regard to the co-pending applications, the Examiner requests that the U. S. Patent documents and the U. S. Patent applications be listed respectively in the U. S. Patent Documents and

the non-patents documents sections.

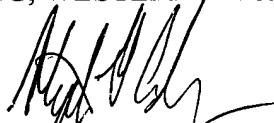
An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith submitting a corrected Form PTO-1449, which corrects the informalities noted by the Examiner. Furthermore, the Information Disclosure Statement also includes the citation of U. S. Patent No. 5,459,086 which was recently cited in related application Serial No. 09/716,334.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner deem that any further action by applicants would be desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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